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SUBJECT: SOVIET AND GDR NOTES ON COMPOSITION OF FRG
WHA DELEGATION.

REF: A) STATE 120008; B) GENEVA 3675 (NOTAL);
C) GENEVA 3727 (NOTAL)

1. MATTER DISCUSSED IN MAY 21 BONN GROUP MEETING. FRG
REP REPORTED BONN HAD MADE ERROR IN USING "BERLIN" IN
DOCUMENT DESIGNATING DR. MATTHEIS AS MEMBER FRG
DELEGATION (FRENCH REP INTERJECTED THAT THERE SHOULD BE
NO PROBLEM WITH "BERLIN"). BONN NORMALLY USES "BERLIN
(WEST)" AND SHOULD HAVE DONE SO ON THIS OCCASION. FRG
REP ADDED THAT FRG DID NOT WISH TO MAKE PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGMENT
OF ERROR AND WOULD CORRECT IT VIS A VIS WHA BY

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EDGMENT OF ERROR AND WOULD CORRECT IT VIS A VIS WHA BY

BEHIND-SCENES WORK BETWEEN FRG DELEGATION AND WHO SECRETARIAT. IT DID NOT SEEM TO BONN THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ENGAGE EASTERN SIDE IN PUBLIC DISCUSSION; GDR NOT COMPETENT WITH RESPECT TO QA, BUT USSR NOTE IS MORE CAREFULLY DRAFTED AND IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO GET A HANDLE ON SOVIET TEXT SINCE QA ANNEX IV B 2 COULD BE SAID TO SET OUT "CONDITIONS," I.E., MATTERS OF SECURITY AND STATUS MAY NOT BE AFFECTED. ALLIED REPS GENERALLY SHARED VIEW THAT ANY REPLY TO GDR NOTE SHOULD BE FROM FRG (WITH POSSIBLE ALLIED SUPPORTING STATEMENT), AND THAT SOVIET NOTE NOT PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE. GENERAL FEELING OF ALL FOUR DELEGATIONS WAS THAT MATTER COULD BE ALLOWED TO REST.

2. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: FRG NOT ANXIOUS TO TAKE ON GDR NOTE SINCE THAT WOULD EXPOSE BONN ON QUESTION OF DESIGNATION "BERLIN." IT SEEMS TO US THAT THERE IS NO CONVENIENT HANDLE ON SOVIET NOTE AND THAT ANY ALLIED RESPONSE WOULD HAVE TO BE ON LINES: A) SOVIET NOTE GAVE FALSE IMPRESSION SINCE REFERENCE TO QA DOES NOT INCLUDE MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT LANGUAGE OR "CONSTITUENT" PRIOR TO "PART"; B) INCLUSION OF WSB RESIDENTS NOT ON BASIS OF QA BUT APPROVED BY THREE ALLIES ON BASIS THEIR SUPREME AUTHORITY IN WSB; AND C) QA ONLY RELEVANT IN THAT SOVIETS COMMITTED SELVES NOT TO OBJECT TO SUCH PARTICIPATION PROVIDED THAT MATTERS OF SECURITY AND STATUS NOT AFFECTED. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT ATTEMPT TO PREPARE A RESPONSE NOT BE PURSUED. REQUEST GUIDANCE.
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